

Everyday FAITH Family Page

Old Testament 1

Law/Gospel

God used water in a flood to drown sinful mankind. **In Baptism, God uses water to drown my sins, granting me eternal life through His Son, Jesus.**

Bible Words

In the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few . . . were brought safely through water. Baptism . . . now saves you . . . through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 3:20–21

Fun Facts

Made to float, not necessarily to sail, Noah's ark had three decks, many rooms, a roof, and a door in one side. Made of gopher wood covered with pitch, it measured 300 × 50 × 30 cubits or 450 × 75 × 45 feet. (A cubit is about 18 inches, the length from the inside of the elbow to the wrist.) People probably wondered about the intentions of such a large, odd-looking creation.

Just Joking

Did you know Noah took money on the ark?

Noah took a buck and doe, a duck with a bill, a frog with a green back, and a skunk with a scent.

Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6:1–9:17

Genesis 6 reports a distorted view of life that developed because of sin. God-believing sons of Adam's tribe married women from Cain's tribe, valuing physical attractiveness and strength over faith in God. This showed their children that physical aspects mattered most and gave the impression that faith was optional.

The Lord saw the resulting wickedness, evil intentions, corruption, and violence; it grieved His heart. Regretting He made humans, the Lord decided to wipe out all living creatures. Only Noah walked with the Lord (6:8–9).

By faith, Noah, his wife, three sons, and their wives built the ark as God said. Later, God brought animals and birds to the ark, to keep them alive and safe while God destroyed the world through the flood.

Seven days after they entered the ark, rain began to fall; it fell for forty days. In addition, "fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened" (7:11–12). Over twenty feet of water covered the highest mountains. Everything with the breath of life died except those in the ark. After forty days, the torrent stopped.

God sent wind to dry out the land, and the water subsided. After 150 days, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat, but it took more than 100 more days to see the mountains. Just shy of a year after the flood started, Noah opened the door and saw dry ground. The next month, God told Noah to leave the ark with his family and animals.

With thanksgiving, Noah built an altar and sacrificed to the Lord. God promised to sustain the seasons and never again use a flood to destroy the earth. He made a covenant with Noah that included the rainbow as a sign of His promise.

Prayer

Lord God, Creator and Sustainer of life, keep us in Your grace in Christ our Savior today and forever. In His name we pray. Amen.

cph.org/SundaySchool

Permission to copy for the Old Testament 1 quarter. Scripture: ESV®.
Copyright © 2016 Concordia Publishing House.

